the pier. This arrangement, which is necessary only at low tide, causes no inconvenience to shippers and the work of the Port is proceeding in a normal manner. There are marked indications that the mud deposited at and near the pier will disappear in time when the littoral current becomes stronger at a later season in the year. It was also considered that artificial interference in the shape of dredging operations was not necessary or desirable at present. Quite recently the position has improved considerably. Remedial measures will be undertaken if and when nature has failed to establish the *status quo ante*.

Salt used in Alleppey.

2. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing separately the total quantity of salt consumed in Alleppey and the quantity of local salt consumed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No information is available as regards the quantity used as a whole in Alleppey. It may however be stated that the quantity of salt issued for consumption from the Alleppey Depot during 1103 was 495,528 maunds, of which 153,064 maunds was local salt.

Principle adopted in the Recruitment of Munsiffs.

3. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the High Court has chosen any principle regarding communal claims in recommending the appointment of Munsiffs?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. In regard to Munsiffs recruited from the Bar, communal representation is also taken into consideration in so far as it does not impair efficiency.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): എഫിഷ്യൻസിനിണ്ണയിക്കുന്നതിനു വല്ല തോതും നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Examination qualification is the test that is generally applied.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയ്ക്കും പുറമെ എഫിഷ്യൻസി നിണ്ണയിക്കുന്നതിനു വല്ല തോതും വച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is usually the test that is applied.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ടെസ്റ്റ് ചെയ്യുന്നതാരാണ്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The superior officers concerned.

Extent of Puduval Lands registered to certain Communities in the Kottayam and Devicolam Divisions.

4. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total extent of *puduval lands*

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